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FRG POLADS REP HAS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING ANALYSIS BY FRG EMBASSY
IN MOSCOW.

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: APPEAL BY THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP

1. AT THE END OF THE CEREMONIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY, LEADING SOVIET BODIES (CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) LAUNCHED AN APPEAL ON 9 MAY IN WHICH THEY DREW THE LESSONS WHICH SHOULD, IN THEIR VIEW, BE LEARNT FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND THEY PUT THIS INTO THE FORM OF AN UP-TO-DATE FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL PROGRAMME IN WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION ALL STATES ARE CALLED UPON TO COOPERATE. THE APPEAL IS TO BE SENT "DIRECTLY AND OFFICIALLY" TO ALL THOSE WHO LEGITIMATELY REPRESENT THEIR STATES AND THE PUBLIC OF THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD. THE AUTHORS EXPRESS THE EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL BE A REACTION TO THE APPEAL.
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2. AS FAR AS ITS SUBSTANCE IS CONCERNED, THE APPEAL - WHICH IS UNUSUAL IN FORM - OFFERS LITTLE THAT IS NEW. IT REPEATS THE WELL-KNOWN ASSESSMENTS - BASED ON THE SOVIET HISTORICAL PHILOSOPHY - OF THE COLD WAR, THE REMAINING TROUBLE SPOTS

INTHE WORLD (ALL OF WHICH ARE BLANCED ON THE REACTIONARY FORCES), THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE (THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE MORE POWERFUL SOCIALIST CAMP). AND IT APPEALS TO THE PEOPLES, PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNEMTNS OF ALL COUNTRIES TO STOP ONCE AND FOR ALL THE "DANGEROUS POLICY OF THE COLD WAR", TO DISCONTINUE THE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNATL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS AND TO CONTRIBUT E TO THE SAFEGUARDING OF A SECURE AND LASTING PEACE. THE APPEAL PRAISES THE STEPS ALREADY TAKEN UNDER THE POLICY OF DETENTE, SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO THE EASTERN TREATIES AND THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WON "WEST BERLIN". AS IN THE PAST, EPOCH-MAKING SIGNIFICANCE IS ATTRIBUTED TO CSCE.

3. IT IS INTERESTING THAT ONLY CAUTIOUS MENTION IS MADE OF THE TWO OFFENSIVE SUBJECTS OF THE SOCIALIST DETENTE PROGRAMME, I.E. THE ROLE OF "SOCIAL PROGRESS" (IN OTHER WORDS, THE PRO-COMMUNIST LEFT) IN THE WEST AND THE ROLE OF THE DISMANTLING OF THE WESTERN DEFENCE STRUCTURE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN SOVIET EYES.

4. THE CONCRETE PROGRAMME CONTANS EIGHT POINTS:
-IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE;
-"IRREVERSIBILITY" OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE;
-DISARMAMENT;
-LIQUIDATION OF THE SOURCES OF MILITARY THREATS;
-REGIONAL AND GENERAL SECURITY SYSTEMS;
-COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS, WHILE MAINTAINING THE RIGHT TO NATIONAL RESOURCES AND THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS;
-LIQUIDATION OF NEO-COLONIALISM;
-AND, FINALLY, THE CREATION OF AN INT'L LIMATE WHICH IS PROTECTED AGANST THOSE WHO WISH TO DISTRUB THE PEACE.

5. AT ANY RATE, THE PURPOSE OF THE APPEAL WHICH, ALSO IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS OPERATIVE PART, CONSISTS MORE OF PRINCIPLES AND ABSTRACT CONCEPTS THAN OF PRACTICAL PROPOSALS, IS LIKELY TO BE THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PUBLICITY GAINED BY THE CAMPAIGN ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE BEFORE ALL THE WORLD THAT THE "MAIN VICTOR OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR" ALSO PLAYS THE LEADING ROLE IN DETENTE.

6. SUBSTANTIVELY, THE APPEAL IS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO COMMIT ESPECIALLY THE WESTERN PARTNERS TO SOVIET CONCEPTS FOR THE FUTURE PHASE OF DETENTE POLICY. AT THE SAME TIME, IT PROBABLY SKETCHES TO MAIN LINES OF SOVIET PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK WITH WHICH THE "SOCIAL FORCES" IN THE WEST ARE TO BE MOBILIZED IN FAVOUR OF THE SOVIT IDEAS. THUS,

ITS SERVES AS A TERMINOLOGICAL GUIDELINE FOR THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS OF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE 25TH CONGRESS OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY. IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY SERVED THIS PURPOSE.

7. IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE THAT THE APPEAL WAS LAUNCHED TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION AT THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING.

8. THE APPEAL IS WORDED IN A MANNER DESIGNED NOT TO PROVOKE WESTERN ADDRESSEES TO REACT NEGATIVELY AT FIRST SIGHT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LANGUAGE USED IN THE SOVIET PROPOSALS (PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, IRREVERSIBILITY OF DETENTE, SECURITY SYSTEMS, ABOLITION OF NEO-COLONIALISM ETC.) IS PROBLEMATICAL SINCE, IN VIEW OF THE DIALECTIC USE OF THE COMMUNIST TERMINOLOGY, THEY CONTAIN RECIPES FOR CONCRETE POLITICAL QUESTIONS WHICH ARE LARGELY OPPOSED TO OUR OWN INTERESTS. MOREOVER, IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE GUIDELINES OF THE APPEAL WILL, DURING THE FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE SOVIET BLOC, BE SUPPLEMENTED BY PROGRAMMATICAL STATEMENTS IN WHICH THE IDEOLOGICAL AND POWER-POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF SOVIET POLICY WILL BE EXPRESSED MORE CLEARLY BY DIFFERENT TONGUES.
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